provision of Rs. 195 crores for 1996-97 for giving better deal to the poor in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of areas proposed to be covered under (i) Drought Prone Area Programme and (ii) Desert Development Programme; and

(c) the amount earmarked for each State under this programme during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) An amount of Rs. 6437 crore has been provided in the Central Budget for the Department of Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation during 1996-97, out of which Rs. 125 crores and Rs. 100 crores has been earmarked for Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) respectively.

(b) 947 Blocks in 149 Districts of 13 States are covered under DPAP and 227 Blocks in 36 Districts of 7 States are under DDP respectively.

(c) The allocation made for each State under DPAP and DDP during 1996-97 is given in the enclosed Statement.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of States	Allocation for 1996-97	Central Share
1	2	3	4
Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2755.00	1377.50
2.	Bihar	2245.00	1122.50
3.	Gujarat	1545.00	772.50
4.	Himachal Pradesh	165.00	82.50
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	495.00	247.50
6.	Karnataka	2290.00	1145.00
7.	Madhya Pradesh	3752.00	1876.00
8.	Maharashtra	4295.00	2147.50
9.	Orissa	1045.00	522.50
10.	Rajasthan	871.00	435.50
11.	Tamil Nadu	1485.00	742.50
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2185.00	1092.50
13.	West Bengal	640.00	320.00
	Total	23768.00	11884.00
Desert Development Programme (DDP)			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	540.00	405.00
2.	Gujarat	1814.00	1593.00
3.	Haryana	649.00	604.00
4.	Himachal Pradesh	500.00	500.00
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	1000.00	1000.00
6.	Karnataka	732.00	548.00
7.	Rajasthan	5258.00	5258.00
	Total	10493.00	9908.00

Supply of Gas

68. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has been requesting the Union Government for the supply of Gas to Pipavav power project for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether gas was to be supplied from Oman gas pipeline project which has since been abandoned by that Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have decided now to supply from the Tapti Oilfield to this power project; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof and the alternative arrangement proposed by the Government for the supply of Gas to Pipavav Power project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). Requests have been received from time to time from the Government of Gujarat for allocation of gas to the Pipavav power project.

(c) and (d). Linkages for the gas proposed to be imported from Oman and yet to be decided.

(e) and (f). It has been decided to take the gas from Mid-Tapti and South Tapti to Hazira to meet existing commitments at Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline. The Government of Gujarat has been advised to base the Pipavav power project on alternative fuels.

[Translation]

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69. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of STATE FOR PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether many States have not been allocated funds this year to carry out development works in their respective States under MPLADS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State-wise; and